

# WEST DAVIS CORRIDOR

## ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY UPDATE — SPRING 2013

The Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT), in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for a potential transportation corridor in western Davis and Weber counties.

During the past three years, the West Davis Corridor (WDC) Study Team has collected information, analyzed data and evaluated feedback provided by residents, farmers, cities, counties, state and federal resource agencies, and other interested groups. It has continually studied and refined the proposed alternatives in great detail with the goal of finding a transportation solution that will benefit western Davis and Weber counties with the least amount of impact to the natural and built (human) environment.

Through this effort, the WDC Study Team has prepared the Draft EIS. The Draft EIS reflects all of the information, data and input received and evaluated throughout the life of the study. The Draft EIS also identifies UDOT's locally preferred alternative.

The Draft EIS is accompanied by an official public comment period for 90 days. During this time, the WDC Study Team will be accepting formal comments on the contents of the Draft EIS. Those comments will be considered and responded to in the Final EIS, which is expected to be released in late 2013.

The Draft EIS is not a final decision. In the coming months, the West Davis Corridor Study Team will continue to study and analyze the alternatives. A final decision on an alternative will not be made until the study is complete and a Record of Decision from FHWA is issued in spring 2014.

For more information, visit [www.udot.utah.gov/westdavis](http://www.udot.utah.gov/westdavis). To speak to a member of the project team, call **877-298-1991** or email [westdavis@utah.gov](mailto:westdavis@utah.gov).

### EIS PROCESS & SCHEDULE



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# PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Following the release of the Draft EIS, an official public comment period will take place for 90 days. This official public comment period will provide an opportunity for the public to review the Draft EIS and submit their comments to the WDC Study Team. The Draft EIS will be available electronically for review on the project website and in hard copy form at city hall buildings and libraries in the study area. A list of these locations is available on the project website.

Comments will be accepted in many different formats during the review period. The easiest way to comment is through the project website at **www.udot.utah.gov/westdavis** by clicking on the “Submit a Comment” button located on the home page. Comments can also be submitted via email to **westdavis@utah.gov** or mailed to the WDC project office at **466 North 900 West, Kaysville, Utah 84037**. For convenience, a comment form can be downloaded and printed from the project website.

### HOW TO COMMENT

- 1. Project website: **www.udot.utah.gov/westdavis**
- 2. Email: **westdavis@utah.gov**
- 3. Mail: **466 North 900 West, Kaysville, UT 84037**
- 4. Public Hearing/Open House

Comments will also be accepted during three public meetings, each of which will include a formal public hearing held in conjunction with an informational open house. Attendees can submit comments to the WDC Study Team at these meetings the following ways: 1) on a comment card, which will be available at the open house for attendees to fill out; 2) verbally, one-on-one with an official court recorder at the open house; or 3) verbally in a formal comment to the WDC Study Team during the public hearing, where an official court recorder will record each comment. Comments and questions will not be addressed by the WDC Study Team during the public hearing; however, they will be addressed in the Final EIS.

As this process is not a vote and every comment is carefully evaluated, it is not necessary to submit the same comment multiple times. Please note that all comments will be considered equally. For example, a comment submitted through the website will be considered the same as a comment submitted at one of the public hearings. Once the public comment period is closed, all comments will be reviewed and responded to in the Final EIS. The Final EIS is expected to be released in late 2013, with a final Record of Decision from the FHWA in spring 2014.

# LOCALLY PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE

UDOT has identified Alternative B1 as its locally preferred alternative. This is a recommendation based on a thorough impact analysis of all alternatives evaluated in the Draft EIS. A complete description of how UDOT identified the locally preferred alternative can be found in Chapter 2, Section 2.4 of the Draft EIS. The locally preferred alternative is not a final decision. A final decision on an alternative will be made by the FHWA in the Record of Decision, which is currently anticipated in spring 2014. As part of the Clean Water Act permitting processes, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will decide whether Alternative B1 satisfies the Section 404(b)(1) guidelines. Neither of these agencies (FHWA or U.S. Army Corps of Engineers) has identified a preferred alternative in this Draft EIS.

